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Fort Sill, OK 73503-6204
CLASS #14-15

I will post on the Delta Battery Facebook Page: <http://sill-www.army.mil/434/1-79/1-79d.html> digital photos that show some of the training your Soldier conducts here. I will also send out important Family Day and Graduation information on our Facebook Page and also via U.S. Mail. I highly encourage you to attend the Family Day activities on 19 Feb 2015 at 9:00 a.m., and Graduation on 20 Feb 2015 at 1:00 p.m. You will receive a detailed graduation letter by week six of your Soldier's training which will include times, locations, and maps of Family Day and Graduation activities. You can also find information about Ft. Sill and the Lawton area at the following website: <http://www.lawtonfortsillchamber.com/index.php?pr=Lodging>. There is also great information on the 434th FA BDE website at: <http://sill-www.army.mil/434/index.htm>. You will have the opportunity to spend time with your Soldier after Family Day and Graduation activities, so please plan accordingly.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any concerns regarding your Soldier. Once again, I am the battery commander and my telephone number is (580) 442-1322. The battery First Sergeant is 1SG Tyrone Williams and his telephone number is (580) 442-6549. If there is an emergency on the home front involving serious injury, illness, or death of an immediate family member (spouse, parent, grand-parent, child, sibling, or in-law) call the American Red Cross at 877-272-7337 with the information. The American Red Cross will notify the proper channels prior to notifying the battery. Also, please be sure to follow your Soldier's progression on our Battery Facebook Page.

On behalf of the battery, we look forward to meeting you, and we hope you are able to attend your Soldier's graduation. Thank you for the support of your Soldier.

Sincerely,


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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
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434th Field Artillery Brigade
Fort Sill, Oklahoma 73503

REPLY TO THE
ATTENTION OF:

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26 November 2014

MEMORANDUM FOR Family and Friends of D/1-79 FA Soldiers

SUBJECT: Welcome Letter

Dear Friends and Family,

Greetings from Fort Sill, Oklahoma, Home of the Field Artillery. My name is Captain Ihechiluru Ekeke, and I am your Soldier's Battery Commander for Basic Combat Training. The Battery First Sergeant is First Sergeant Tyrone Williams. I am writing to inform you of your Soldier's safe arrival to Basic Combat Training in the 434th Field Artillery Brigade, United States Army Training Center.

We are extremely proud that your Soldier has volunteered to join our time honored profession and to serve our Nation as a United States Army Soldier. The Army is fortunate to have extremely well qualified, patriotic and highly motivated individuals choose to join our team. Over the next nine weeks your Soldier will begin the transformation from a civilian to a Soldier in the United States Army. Your Soldier will learn the basic skills required to fight and win on today's modern battlefield through strenuous and demanding training. These tasks will develop the discipline and self-confidence necessary to be a successful Soldier in today's Army. Your Soldier will conduct physical training daily in-order to build physical strength and conditioning. Daily physical training will also instill the concept of teamwork, pride, and enthusiasm in your Soldier. Your Soldier will also learn the importance of military customs and courtesies, traditions, and policies that govern a Soldier's appearance and behavior as a member of an elite military team. Additionally, they will gain the skills of engaging the enemy with a rifle and navigating unknown territory with a map and compass. Your Soldier will make a life-changing transformation while immersed in an environment that promotes the Seven Army Values: Loyalty, Duty, Respect, Selfless Service, Honor, Integrity, and Personal Courage. It is these values that shape who and what we are as Soldiers in the United States Army.

The Drill Sergeants and Cadre training your Soldier are a very dedicated group of professionals who are genuinely concerned about the health and welfare of each Soldier. They are selected from the top 10% of their Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) and undergo rigorous training and certification to conduct training. We consider our Soldiers to be the most important asset of our Army's future.

Although your Soldier was able to call home during the first week of Basic Combat Training, phone privileges will be extremely limited for the next few weeks. Once your Soldier reaches a more progressive stage in training he/she will have the opportunity to utilize the phone on Sunday afternoons primarily. I do encourage you to write your Soldier. Letters from home encourage Soldiers to remain engaged and motivated throughout training. While packages are authorized, the following items are not authorized: magazines, weapons, soda, electronics, or tobacco products. These items are considered "contraband" and will not be given to your Soldier until after they have graduated Basic Combat Training. Send mail to the following address: